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11. (U) This is an action request. See para 2.

12. (C) On March 4 State Secretary for Foreign Affairs Hidajet Biscevic delivered the diplomatic note (para 3) to Ambassador Frank in response to our demarche per refuels on support for Croatia's Wassenaar Arrangement Membership. Request Department approval to send the response dipnote per ref A.

13. (C) Begin text of Croatian MFA Diplomatic Note No. 1145:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Croatia presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in the Republic of Croatia and has the honor to draw to its attention to the candidature of the Republic of Croatia for the Wassenaar Arrangement on Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual-Use Goods and Technologies, what will be decided in March 2005.

The Government of Croatia is fully prepared to undertake the responsibilities indicated in the criteria for membership in the Wassenaar Arrangement on Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual-Use Goods and Technologies (hereinafter the "Wassenaar Arrangement"). The Government of Croatia is committed to implementing effective export controls on munitions and dual-use goods and technologies. The Government of Croatia also confirms its commitment to prevent the transfer of munitions or sensitive dual-use goods and technologies for military end uses to states which are currently under UN embargo or whose behavior is or becomes a cause of serious concern, in particular state sponsors of terrorism, unless otherwise agreed with the United States.

This understanding will not apply to the transfer of non-lethal military equipment or services to Libya. However, as long as Libya is deemed to be a state sponsor of terrorism, it will be the policy of the Government of Croatia not to transfer to Libya: lethal military equipment; items related to WMD or rocket or unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) systems; or U.S.-origin parts, components or systems controlled on the U.S. munitions List (USML) or the Commerce Control List (CCL).

It is the understanding of the Government of Croatia that this note's confirmation of the export control policies of Croatia, and its satisfaction of the criteria established for membership, will enable the United States of America to support the participation of Croatia in the Wassenaar Arrangement in 2005.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Croatia avails itself of the opportunity to renew to Embassy of the United States of America in the Republic of Croatia the assurances of its highest consideration.

Zagreb 3, March 2005. End text.

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